

City of Huntington Park
Youth Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 4, 2017
4:00pm
Salt Lake Park, Lounge
3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

The regular meeting of the Youth Commission of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 4:01 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017 in the Lounge at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E. Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Nelly Perez.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vice Chair Paulina Ramos, Secretary Nelly Perez, Angel De Santiago, Joel Palma, Kimberly Guzman, Carlos Torres, Kaitlyn Zesati, and Karol Gutierrez. Other City Officials and employees: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation and Guillermo Portillo, Management Intern.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC APPERANCE- None

STAFF RESPONSES- None

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of Youth Commission meeting from July 10, 2017. Item was motioned by Angel De Santiago and second by Kimberly Guzman. Minutes were approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Consider Updating the Work Plan for 2016/2017

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Work Plan

Director Espinosa offered the commission the opportunity to make changes to the work plan, which include adding additional events. Nelly Perez commented on possibly updating the advertisements for city wide clean ups. Director Espinosa informed the commission that Christina Dixon is responsible for the promotion of the event and should be contacted if need be. Angel De Santiago noted that he would like to add the turkey drive and the Christmas toy drive to the work plan.

Motion: Commissioner Angel De Santiago motioned to add the turkey drive and the Christmas toy drive on item number six of the work plan.

Motion Seconded by Vice Chair Paulina Ramos.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner De Santiago, Commissioner Palma, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Zesati, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Guzman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

2. Discussion of Action for Youth Commission Newsletter

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa notified the commission that the small paragraph provided in front of them is going to be used for the section in the newsletter to represent the commission and that if any changes are wanted can be made. Commissioner Angel De Santiago commented on the paragraph being too specific with only mentions of a few commissioners as opposed to everyone. Vice Chair Paulina Ramos recommended we remove the sections in the paragraph that are very specific and replace it to be general so that the commission as a whole can be represented.

Motion: Vice Chair Paulina Ramos motioned to revise the paragraph into a more general representation of the youth commission without special mention of specific commissioners.

Motion was seconded by Nelly Perez.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner De Santiago, Commissioner Palma, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Zesati, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Guzman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

3. Discussion and Action of an excursion to a Cultural Arts Event in the Summer

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Director Espinosa offered the commission the opportunity to go on an excursion to a museum such as the Getty. Commissioner Angel De Santiago mentioned that as a fellow for the Huntington Park program he was fortunate to go on a trip to the Getty museum and was overall enjoyable. Vice Chair Paulina Ramos commented that the University of Southern California is having a grand opening event for a new infrastructure, which could be enjoyable for the commission to attend on August 17, 2017. The youth commission unanimously agreed that the best time for the youth commission to meet for the excursion would be at 3:30pm on August 17, 2017.

Motion: Vice Chair Paulina Ramos motioned to go on August 17, 2017 to a short tour and a grand opening for a new structure at the University of Southern California at 3:30pm.

Motion was seconded by Angel De Santiago

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner De Santiago, Commissioner Palma,

Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Zesati,
Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Guzman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

4. Discussion and Action of Reorganization for Youth Commission positions

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Reorganization

Director Espinosa informed the commission that the reorganization of positions is only for the vacant position of Chair for the youth commission.

Motion: Commissioner Kimberly Guzman motioned to nominate Angel De Santiago as the Chair for the youth commission

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Angel De Santiago

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner De Santiago, Commissioner Palma, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Zesati, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Guzman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

PRESENTATIONS- None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Director Espinosa informed the commission about open registration for girls' softball. The director also mentioned that the splash pad grand opening is expected to occur sometime during the mid-month of September. Moreover, she notified the commission about the upcoming state of the city event, which will occur on August 12, 2017 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION- None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS- None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Joel Palma congratulated Angel De Santiago on his new position as chair of the Youth Commission. Commissioner Karol Gutierrez commented on the importance of the commission remaining in contact with Christina Dixon in order to have a successful city clean up event. Chair Angel De Santiago emphasized to the commission that it is important to begin filling out the common application. Additionally, he encouraged the commission to sign up to the youth leadership program next summer.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 p.m. Vice Chair Paulina Ramos adjourned the City of Huntington Park Youth Commission Meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017.